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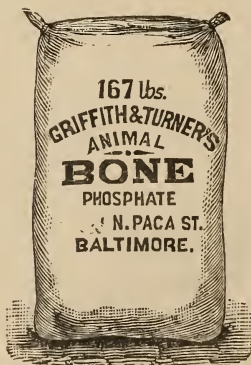
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### A HELPING HAND.

On the lowest round of the ladder  
I firmly planted my feet,  
And looked up at the dim, vast distance  
That made my future so sweet.

I climbed till my vision grew weary,  
I climbed till my brain was on fire,  
I planted each footstep with wisdom—  
Yet I never seemed to get higher.

For this round was glazed with indifference  
And that one was gilded with scorn,  
And when I grasped firmly another  
I found, under velvet, a thorn.

Till my brain grew weary of planning,  
And my heart strength began to fail,  
And the flush of the morning's excitement,  
Ere evening, commenced to pale.

But just when my hands were unclasping  
Their hold on the first gained round,  
When my hopes, coming back from the future,  
Were sinking again to the ground—

One who had climbed near to the summit  
Reached backward a helping hand;  
And, refresh'd, encourag'd and strengthened,  
I took, once again, my stand.

And I wish—oh, I wish—that the climbers  
Would never forget, as they go,  
That, though weary may seem their climbing,  
There is always some one below.

### THREE WORDS OF STRENGTH.

There are three lessons I would write—  
Three words, as with a burning pen,  
In tracings of eternal light,  
Upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope! Though clouds environ round,  
And gladness hides her face in scorn,  
Put thou the shadow from thy brow—  
No night but hath its morn.

Have Faith! Where'er thy bark is driven—  
The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth—  
Know this: God rules the host of heaven,  
The inhabitants of earth.

Have Love! Not love alone for one:  
But man, as man, thy brother call;  
And scatter, like the circling sun,  
Thy charities on all.

Thus grave these lessons on thy soul—  
Hope, Faith, and Love—and thou shalt find  
Strength when life's surges rudest roll,  
Light when thou else wert blind.

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and  
POULTRY KEEPING,  
by

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CHAPTER XII.

TO SET HENS.

It is easy enough to set hens is the popular thought: Just find where the hen has made her nest and then supply her with eggs. She will sit there if you let her alone, until her eggs are hatched.

Well, this is one way to do it, and in fact is the way most farmers have been accustomed to do for many years past. If you do not know of a better way, this will answer for you to set your hens. It is much better than not to have poultry; or having it, not to let them sit at all. But there is a better way—in fact a great many better ways. Let us consider some especial points.

It is best to have your coops prepared before hand, so that when you see the sign in the clucking and bristling of a hen you will be ready for her. This coop should be without a floor and it should be placed in some retired locality where the sitter will not be visited by other poultry. This is important, as most failures result from the constant interference of other hens with the one which you have set.

The reason for having the coop without

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a floor is to have the insensible moisture of the earth influencing the eggs. This is said to insure a better hatch. Personally I cannot vouch for this although my experience extends over a long period. Yet such being the general impression, since it does not consume time or money, it is well enough to conform to it.

Have the coop so arranged that it may be easily darkened—so that a bag, or some old garment, or a piece of carpeting may curtain the entrance to the nest.

Make the nest as directed under that head, in the form of a soup plate, sprinkle it well with sulphur; and put in it a few porcelain eggs. Have the curtain ready. Now when a hen is ready, when she has fully made up her mind to sit, remove her at night from her chosen nest, put her in the prepared coop and let down the curtain.

Let her remain on the nest with the curtain down all the next day and when the shadows of eve come raise it gently and give her liberty. She will probably stay on the nest all night and until the morning light is strong.

She may come off from her nest then and you must keep her in sight. If after awhile she returns to it, all right. If she does not return for an hour or more, put her on it, curtain it again and keep her there twenty four hours more. This generally fixes matters. This would hardly be necessary if the hen had not been moved; but the removal has a temporary bad effect.

Now she sticks. As soon as this is the case, take away the porcelain eggs, and supply those intended for incubation. If a good motherly hen she will help you arrange them beneath her feathers, and settle down snugly upon them. Then you may leave her with satisfaction on your countenance, for all is right.

In early spring give her the nine eggs.

Later give her eleven. In warm weather give her the thirteen. The eggs need a certain amount of warmth and the hen cannot give that amount to more than nine in cold weather; so it is best to bear this in mind.

The coop and nest should not be exposed any more than is necessary to storms and wet. If the coop is exposed, the nest and the sitter should be always carefully protected from heavy storms and showers.

It will be of use for you to know just on what day she began to sit, so that it will be well to write the day and the month plainly on the coop. This may be accompanied by the date when the chicks are due. These dates will save considerable time and calculation.

The sitting hens should be protected at night from dogs, cats, rats, weasels, etc., by placing a board in front of the coop, thus preventing their entrance. Of course this board will be taken away in the morning. If the coop is under cover and can be shut in safely, the board will not be needed. But we have not found that a house is as useful as a yard in which to set hens.

It is not well to keep the hen too closely confined to her nest. She should be obliged to leave it when she wants food and water, and if these are placed at some distance from the coop she will generally leave about once every day. When she leaves for the first few times the length of her stay-off may be regulated if it is thought best. At this time, also, the best possible dusting place should be within her reach. She needs it more during sitting than at any other time, to cleanse her thoroughly and that her brood may be kept clean when first hatched. The hen will be very anxious to make use of it.

If it is convenient, set two or more hens on the same day. The hatch is seldom a full one. The three weeks give room for

many accidents and often the number of chicks from each hatch is small. Then they may all be given to one hen and she will take good care of them.

When the hen is away from her nest for exercise and food examine the nest and the eggs. If you have a tester and know how to use it, do it. It is safest to have no infertile eggs in the nest. If you find everything right, do not disturb anything; it is best not even to touch anything. But if any egg has been broken, cleanse the nest thoroughly and wash the eggs in blood-warm water. If you have made a soup-plate nest, as directed, the eggs will not often be broken.

If the hen leaves her nest, give the eggs to another hen. Do this as soon as you are satisfied that they are abandoned. Even though cold let another hen have them, for they will bear considerable cold and still the life not be destroyed. You here see the necessity of constant attention and how neglect may cause great loss.

We now come to the most critical period. On the twentieth day place the food and water within reach of the sitting hen. She will not leave her nest. Her motherly instinct notifies her of the coming chicks. Frequently they begin to make their appearance.

Some hens will begin to be restless as they hear the chicks beneath them and will prepare to leave the nest after two or three are hatched. It is best then to remove the chicks, when the restlessness will immediately pass away.

If the eggs are not all hatched let the hen continue on her nest until the close of the 22d day. Then remove the eggs remaining and place them under another hen, and place all the chicks you wish the hen to brood beneath her. In the morning she will accept them all and straightway she will begin her motherly duties.

Now take away the hen and her brood



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We can remember well when our country was considered the land where less of want was experienced by the people than in any other land in this world. Now a

larger sum is annually paid out by our government in the support of beggars than in all the rest of the world put together. Our government appropriates with lavish hand its hundreds of millions, until it threatens to bankrupt the nation to support the hosts of beggars who swarm, like the locusts of Egypt, around the doors of the public treasury. To supply these greedy beggars the people are yearly suffering more and more the horrors of impending want.

We can remember when the equality of the citizens of our republic was recognized everywhere throughout our borders. None were very poor and none were very rich. The powers of our government have been manipulated now, until hosts are struggling in poverty, almost in despair, while the few are enabled to heap up untold volumes of wealth, with which to oppress more, and more recklessly, the great body of the people. The farmers especially are the victims of this ruinous legislative taxation to support in affluence special classes at their expense.

When will all this extravagance cease? We fear not until great trouble shall visit our country homes and heavy misfortunes arouse us to our neglected duties. We should begin now to work under every form of organization, to overthrow the extravagances which have been, and are now being riveted upon us by senseless and unscrupulous politicians. Work to have the beggars overthrown, the extravagant appropriations annulled, the exorbitant taxes abolished. This is the true work of every honorable citizen who would restore his country to prosperity and happiness.

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S. S. N.—Elizabeth, N. J.

The small courtesies sweeten life: the greater ennoble it.

## THANKS.

We give many of our Exchanges hearty thanks for the words of encouragement which they have bestowed upon our efforts to keep the Agricultural Fair Grounds free from Liquor sales and gambling. Especially is this the case in the generous remarks of the *Weekly Mail and Express*, of New York and the *Farm and Home*, of Springfield, Mass. We propose to continue to do our duty whenever occasion shall require it, now and in the future.

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## HOME THOUGHTS.

Never forget that whatever you do to make your family and your home comfortable and contented will add to your success. The farm work and everything connected with the garden and the immediate surroundings of the dwelling should be made to promote the happiness of your family.

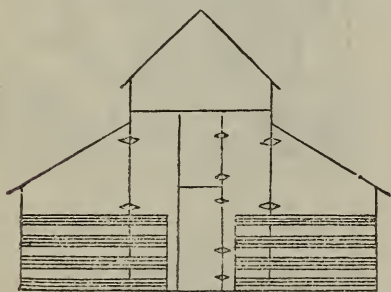
Lighten every labor as much as possible, not only for yourself, but also for the wife and children. The boys on the farm should have their work gilded with a favorable outlook, for a bright future gives the true strength and energy to young manly hearts. The girls should see before them seasons of happy recreation and opportunities for improvement in whatever tends to womanly character. The mother should find the fruit of her life in an increase of leisure, contentment and peace.



## HOG HOUSES.

Large and expensive hog houses are neither necessary nor always profitable, but suitable shelter from cold and wet in winter and some shade in summer is desirable. A house which is deemed to be a satisfactory one in its general usefulness and economy of space, is described and illustrated in *Prairie Farmer*. This house is 20 feet wide by 25 feet long, making room for eight pens 6 feet wide by 8 feet in length, or four pens 12 by 8, making a sleeping pen and a feeding pen adjoining. The sides are but 4 feet above the floor, the center posts 8 feet high, and placed 8 feet apart. Under the upper roof are small windows which admit light and air directly into the pens. The partitions are movable, like gates, and can be all taken out after the spring breeding season is over, giving a good, large feeding floor for little pigs. Each pen has a 6 foot panel for its front, which can be opened directly across the alley to guide one of the brood sows into the pen designed for it.

The yards outside extend beyond the ends of the building sixteen feet, so as to give all the room possible for exercise. The doors into these yards are situated at each end, and for the two middle pens are placed one on each side of the mid-



END VIEW OF HOG HOUSE.

dle. When fall comes the wide center can be converted into a corn crib, holding at least 500 bushels of corn, enough to fatten fifty pigs, the number of pigs the house is supposed to accommodate. One hundred dollars will put this house up in good shape, all shingled and painted. If the farmer does his own work and uses common boards for the sides and ends, it need not cost as much as this sum. But we want a building which is wind proof in March; so use

sneeting and drop siding for the outside and make the roof warm also. The large doors at each end remain closed most of the time. A small door on the north and double door on the south furnish access for feeding and care. This makes feeding quite easy.

## Raising Turkeys.

Common hen turkeys crossed with a good healthy bronze gobbler will produce good strong turkeys. Each hen, if well cared for, will lay from thirty to forty eggs. Don't set a hen turkey on over sixteen eggs. When the young ones are hatched, don't give them any food for at least one day. Feed the hen whole corn and keep her on her nest. When you commence feeding the young ones, feed them very often—as often as every hour will be all the better. Make their rations scant and often. The feed at first should be coarse corn meal, to which add a mixture of milk and raw eggs. After two or three days feed vegetables, potatoes, onions and egg and milk cooked together and thicken with ground oats or shorts.

If you have sour milk make "dutch cheese" for them, putting in some pepper. Give them pure water, and a few drops of tincture of iron in the water will make them stronger. Never allow them to get wet or chilled. Keep them confined with the hen for at least a week, then allow them out only on dry, sunny days. When confined, arrange to have a run for them. Their nature inclines them to be more active than chicks, hence cannot be so closely confined. Always keep the male away from them as much as possible and especially while the hens are sitting, as he will most likely destroy the nest. — Ohio Farmer.

Sugar beets are attracting considerable attention in Colorado and Nebraska.

The production of olives is increasing in California, both for the manufacture of oil and for pickled olives.

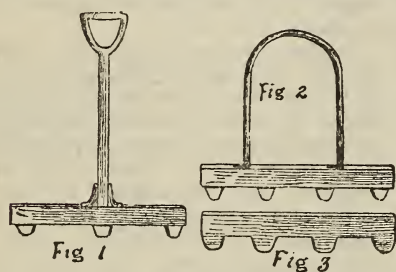
A Boston florist says that he seldom fails to root slips of the most tender and rare kinds. He credits his success to a layer of oats placed under the usual layer of sand in which the slips are planted. When moistened it acts as a stimulant and feeder to the tender roots of the slips.



## POTATO PLANTER.

In order to give seed tubers sufficient depth and to place them at perfectly uniform distances apart in the row, Country Gentleman has contrived a very simple implement, which, for farmers who plant by hand, is destined to give more even crops, larger returns and prove economical of labor. It is represented in the accompanying engraving (Fig. 1).

It consists of a bar of wood about thirty inches long, and made of a piece of pine scantling or other light wood, three inches square. It has a handle set in at right angles, consisting of the handle of a worn out spade. On the lower side are inserted short, thick wooden teeth, as far apart from each other as the intended plants in the rows—a foot or nine inches, or any other distances. When this tool is taken in hand by its handle, and the foot is placed heavily on it, its short,



A POTATO PLANTER.

stubby teeth are sunk into the soil in the bottom of the furrow, forming holes into which to drop each potato cut. The planter moves it onward, with the last tooth in the last hole, and so advances nearly as fast as he can walk. The man who drops can move on much faster than if he had to measure every distance with his eye before dropping every piece. The planting will be about two inches deeper than without it. This simple contrivance is not of course intended to supersede costly and finished potato planting machines used in large fields.

There may be modifications of its form. Instead of the spade handle, for instance, something like an ox bow may be used, as shown in Fig. 2. Instead of scantling, a strip of two inch or two and a half inch plank may be employed for the bar, and, by sawing in and splitting out portions, the short blunt teeth left, as shown in

Fig. 3. For this purpose some kind of wood should be selected which is not liable to split.

## The Originator of County Fairs.

Mr. Elkanah Watson is credited with being the originator of the widespread and popular institution known as the county fair. He was born at Plymouth, Mass., Jan. 22, 1758.

In 1779 he was sent by the United States government to France in charge of dispatches from congress to our minister, Benjamin Franklin. He remained in Europe till 1784, during which period he traveled extensively in England, France and Holland.

In 1807 Mr. Watson purchased a farm of some 220 acres thirty-six miles from Albany, in the town of Pittsfield, Berkshire county, Mass., and there located. That fall he purchased the first pair of Merino sheep that had appeared in the county and perhaps in the state. He



ELKANAH WATSON.

subsequently introduced choice varieties of cattle and swine. So great was the curiosity of the farmers to see this new variety of sheep that he decided to exhibit them publicly on a given day, under the great elm tree on the public square at Pittsfield.

The exhibition was a great success. "If two animals are capable of exciting so much attention, what would be the effect on a large scale, with large animals?" thought Mr. Watson, and from that time forward for the next fifteen years his attention was devoted to the subject of agricultural fairs. In 1810 he induced some twenty or more farmers to join with him in a call for the first Berkshire county cattle show. The exhibi-

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tion proved very successful. The interest awakened by this fair resulted in the formation of a county agricultural society, chartered by the state of Massachusetts in the winter of 1811, the first county agricultural society in America. of the modern type. Mr. Watson died in 1842 at the age of 85. We are indebted to Southern Cultivator for the excellent portrait here given, which is from a painting at the time of the first fair.

#### Cutting Seed Potatoes.

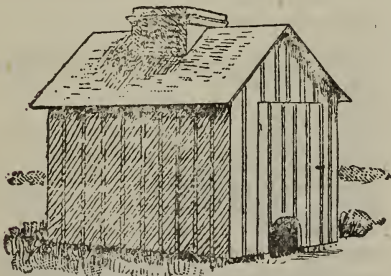
The question of relative profit as between the use of small cuttings and whole potatoes depends upon the cost of seed potatoes, the date at which the crop is to be harvested and sold and the condition of the soil at planting time. In ordinary practice it will usually be found that neither extreme as to quantity of seed used will be found to be profitable. The safest plan is to use large, well matured, healthy potatoes and cut to two and three eyes. A sufficient quantity of flesh to the eyes acts much the same as manure in the hill.

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Sire, Sportsman 299; g. sire, Brilliant 42; g. g. sire, Yattoo Lad 314; g. g. g. sire, Wonderful Lad 69; g. g. g. g. sire, Cleveland 60; g. g. g. g. g. sire, Champion 50; g. g. g. g. g. g. sire, Summercock 304; g. g. g. g. g. g. g. sire, Sky Rocket 280. Dam's sire, Barnaby 18; g. sire, King George 161; g. g. sire, Victory 157; g. g. g. sire, Volunteer 338; g. g. g. g. sire, Victory 438; g. g. g. g. g. sire, Barley Harvest 447. (The above pedigree is from the Cleveland Bay Stud Book of England.)

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#### Artificial Fertilizers on Wheat and Corn.

From a bulletin issued from the Ohio experiment station it is learned that Ohio farmers do not generally cultivate wheat continuously on the same soil, but alternate wheat with other crops. Those who use commercial fertilizers on wheat believe them of special service to the grass crop following, clover being considered a "grass" in farm practice. On the station grounds, however, upon small plots, cultivated in wheat for six years, the result has been that, as a rule, no more wheat has been harvested from the plots treated with commercial fertilizers than from those receiving none, whereas the manures of the farm have produced a marked increase of crop when judiciously used. So far as can be learned from these experiments, the conclusion is that in the majority of cases neither wheat nor corn will return sufficient increase of crop to cover the cost of any artificial fertilizer at the present ruling prices.

The state entomologist announces the appearance in New Jersey and Pennsylvania of the cowhorn or buffalo fly. The worst effect apprehended is a decrease of the milk supply by worrying the cows. He advises the bathing of the animals' hides in oil as a preventive.

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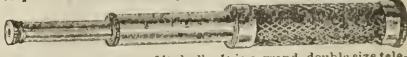
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**Here and There.**

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An Alabama correspondent claims that the farmers of his state are learning that it pays to raise sorghum for sirup, and that early orange cane is the preferred variety.

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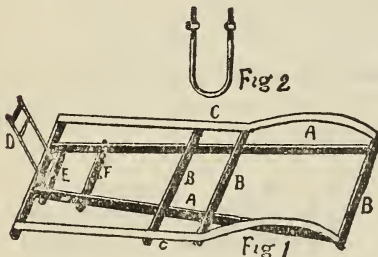
## Fairs Announced for September.

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 Ohio—Columbus, Sept. 15-19.  
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Fig. 1 represents this rack. The side boards of frame, A A, are 2½x6 inches, 15 feet long. Good yellow pine, if it is clear of knots, is good for these, and will make the rack light; but if you cannot get first class pine, better use oak. The cross pieces, B, are oak, 3x3 inches; boards, C C, are ¾x8 inches, and should be used as soon as sawed in order to bend easily. The upright ladder, D, is secured at the bottom in a roller, E, and the roller should be placed back of front piece, B, far enough for ladder to lean slightly forward at top when raised up. This ladder is very useful in tying lines up when loading and also in "booming" on a load of hay or grain, and can be easily folded back on rack when the rack is stored away.

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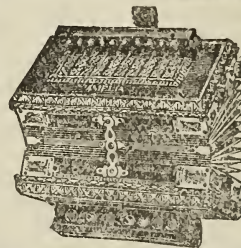
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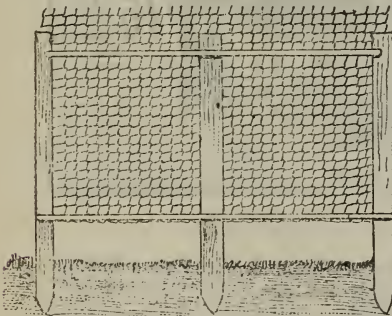
made this way to be convenient in turning the wagon. In making a rack it requires a bolster, F, made especially for the purpose and bolted firmly to the rack by a double bolt, as shown in Fig. 2. Also the cross pieces are fastened with the same kind of fastening. This main frame or bed is 2 feet wide at front end and 3½ feet where it rests on rear bolster of wagon. It can be made any desired width in front, but 2 feet is narrow enough for convenience.

### WIRE FENCES.

At this season it often is an important matter to keep young chickens within certain boundaries. Fences that are cheaply constructed and which may be readily changed from one spot to another are, therefore, of special value to the keepers of poultry.

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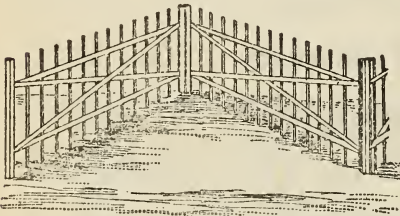
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upper lath she will strike the wire and be thrown back. It will, however, be found that the bird's attempts to get out will all be made lower down and through the wire which seems to present no obstruction until they try it. To move a fence of this kind, of course, the wire must be taken off and the stakes pulled up and reset, which can all be done in a very little time. While the fence seems a frail one, it will, nevertheless, stand a very hard storm, as it offers very little resistance to the wind.

An illustration and directions for making a movable fence that can be still more readily changed from one place to another is given by Stoddard in his little book on "Poultry Architecture." This fence, as shown in the second cut, is made in sections, and can be quickly set up, and can be packed closely and laid away when not in use. The lengths are 12 feet long and the fence 5 feet high; the pickets are laths, sawed a foot longer and a quarter of an inch wider than usual; but common four-foot laths are often used, and except for high flyers, like Leg-horns, are good enough.

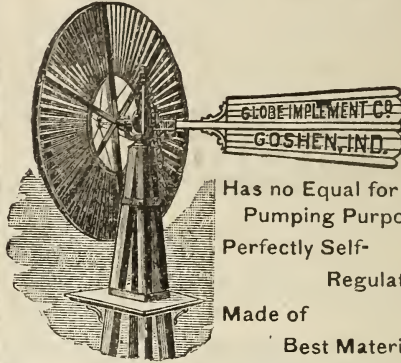


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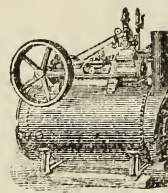
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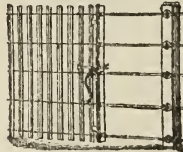
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